

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A razor handle assembly comprising:

a first handle section having a first body portion;

a second handle section having a second body portion, said first and second body portions being mirror images of one another;

attachment means for coupling said first and second handle sections together, so that said first and second handle section cooperate to form a closed end and an open end generally opposite said closed end;

a head assembly, the head assembly being pre-assembled prior to being interposed between said first and second body portions at said open end, said head assembly defining means for releasably retaining a razor cartridge thereon and a button that, when depressed, releases the razor cartridge from the head assembly; and

a core interposed between said first and second body, said core having an end adjacent said closed end;

wherein said first and second handle sections, an end of said core, and an end of said head assembly cooperates to define an aperture.

2. (Previously Presented) A razor handle assembly as defined by claim 1 wherein:

Said attachment means includes at least one stud projecting outwardly from one of said first and second handle sections, and at least one aperture in the other of said first and second handle sections, said aperture being adapted to receive an end of said stud; and

Fastening means for securing said end of said stud in a respective one of said apertures.

3. (Previously Presented) A razor handle as defined by claim 2 wherein:

said at least one stud includes three studs each spaced away from the next successive stud and projecting outwardly from one of said first and second handle sections; and

said at least one aperture includes at least three apertures each adapted to receive an end of one of said studs.

4. (Original) A razor handle as defined by claim 2 wherein said fastening means includes a rivet.
5. (Original) A razor handle as defined by claim 2 wherein said fastening means includes an adhesive.
6. (Original) A razor handle as defined by claim 1 wherein said first and second handle sections are formed from metal.
7. (Original) A razor handle as defined by claim 6 wherein said first and second handle sections are from die cast metal.
8. (Original) A razor handle as defined by claim 3 wherein one of said studs extends through said head assembly and another of said studs extends through said core.
9. (Original) A razor handle as defined by claim 1 wherein said core is formed from an elastomeric polymer.
10. (Original) A razor handle as defined by claim 1 wherein said core includes a first core section coupled to a second core section.
11. (Original) A razor handle as defined by claim 1 further comprising a pair of side inserts, one coupled to each of said first and second razor sections, said side inserts being positioned generally opposite one another.
12. (Original) A razor handle as defined by claim 11 wherein:
each of said side inserts defines at least one projection extending outwardly from an inner surface of said side insert; and
wherein each of said projections is frictionally receivable in a complementarily shaped aperture defined by each of said first and second handle sections.

13. (Original) A razor handle as defined by claim 12 wherein each of said side inserts is formed from an elastomeric polymer.

14. (Original) A razor handle as defined by claim 1 wherein:
said head assembly defines a pair of generally opposed bosses projecting outwardly from side surfaces thereof; and
wherein each of said handle sections includes a mating recess for receiving one of said bosses.

15. (Original) A razor handle as defined by claim 11 wherein each of said side inserts defines a plurality of raised portions for improving a user's grip on said razor handle.

16. (Original) A razor handle as defined by claim 1 wherein said core defines a pair of generally opposed, exposed gripping surfaces extending between said first and second handle sections.

17. (Cancelled).

18. (Currently Amended) A razor handle comprising:
a first metallic handle portion having a first body section;
a second metallic handle portion having a second body section, said first and second body sections being mirror images of one another;
said first handle portion being coupled to and cooperating with said second handle portion to form a closed end and a generally opposite open end;
an elastomeric plastic core positioned between said first and second handle portions and having generally opposed, exposed gripping surfaces, said core having an end located adjacent to said closed end; and
a head assembly, the head assembly being pre-assembled prior to being interposed between said first and second body sections at said open end, said head assembly defining means for releasably retaining a razor cartridge thereon and a button that, when depressed, releases the razor cartridge from the head assembly;

wherein said first and second handle portions, an end of said core and an end of said head assembly cooperate to define an aperture.

19. A razor handle as defined by claim 18 further comprising a pair of elastomeric side inserts each coupled to one of said first and second handle portions, each of said side inserts defining an exposed outer surface approximately perpendicular to said exposed gripping surfaces defined by said core.

20. (Cancelled).